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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 19 February 1953

Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Loftus E. Becker  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Brigadier General John M. Willems, acting for the Assistant  
Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic  
Energy Commission  
Brigadier General Edward H. Porter, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Victor P. Keay, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

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Mr. Joseph Yager, Department of State  
Mr. Edward R. Fried, Department of State  
Lieutenant Colonel T. C. Anderson, Department of the Army  
Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Cassibry, Department of the Army  
Captain Allan L. Reed, USN, Department of the Navy  
Captain B. F. Roeder, USN, Department of the Navy  
Commander J. A. Meyertholen, Department of the Navy  
Brigadier General Charles Y. Banfill, United States Air Force  
Colonel C. M. Yound, United States Air Force  
Colonel J. J. Morrow, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Grant, United States Air Force  
Lieutenant Colonel A. L. Cushing, United States Air Force  
Colonel Samuel M. Lansing, The Joint Staff  
Captain John A. Holbrook, USN, The Joint Staff

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 12 February 1953 (IAC-M-95), were approved, subject to the following changes: add the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference (IIC) to the committees mentioned in paragraph 3; insert "and the Air Force" after "CIA", paragraph 6, page 2; and change "committee" to "committees" on the second line of paragraph 7.

Briefing on Seaborne Trade with Communist China

2. Captain Roeder of ONI presented a briefing on seaborne trade with Communist China. This briefing included new evidence arrived at through aerial photography and drew the conclusion that the interdiction of seaborne trade would place an extraordinary burden upon mainland internal transportation, would probably frustrate the fulfillment of the Chinese Communist Five Year Industrial Plans, and these, with other measures available to the United States, play an important part in causing the cessation of future Communist aggression.

Review of Terms of Reference for SE-37

3. Action: Approved the terms of reference as revised and agreed that the title should, as nearly as possible, reflect the restricted scope of the estimate. (A suggested title was, "Probable Effects on the Soviet Bloc of certain courses of action directed at the internal and external commerce of Communist China.")

USSR Electro-Magnetic Capabilities

4. Action: The acting chairman reported that NSC has directed the DCI to produce in 60 days a coordinated assessment of the electro-magnetic capabilities and intentions of the USSR. In pursuance of this directive CIA was proceeding, he said, through regular channels to initiate reports on the scientific aspects through the SEC and on the economic aspects through the EIC. On the basis of these reports ONE and the IAC representatives can proceed to produce an estimate of the USSR intentions and probable courses of action in this field.

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